

#### ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a light emitting device 11, with which the luminous efficiency is improved and the color non-uniformity of the emitted light is lessened. Specifically, a light emitting diode element 18 is covered with a diffusing layer 22, with which a diffusing agent is added to a resin. A phosphor layer 23, with which a phosphor is added to a resin, is disposed on top of the diffusing layer 22. The light from the light emitting diode element 18 is diffused by the diffusing layer 22. By exciting the phosphor layer 23 with the light diffused by the diffusing layer 22 and thereby making the phosphor layer 23 emit light, the luminous efficiency is improved and the color non-uniformity is lessened.